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The Inaugural Meeting of Danville City Council was held on the above date at 12 o'clock noon in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, H. Phillip Smith, and R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9).

Staff members present were City Manager Jerry L. Gwaltney, Deputy City Manager M. Lyle Lacy, III, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield, Jr., Finance Director Aubrey D. Dodson, and City Clerk Annette Y. Crane, CMC.

City Clerk Annette Crane called the Meeting to order. Ms. Crane extended a welcome to everyone in attendance.

Ms. Crane introduced the Rev. W. Clay Knick, Pastor of Hopewell United Methodist Church located at Dry Fork, Virginia, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES

Secretary of the Electoral Board Sylvesta L. Jennings presented Certificates of Election to Council Members P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, and Sherman M. Saunders, certifying their election during the May 4, 2004 Election to City Council for four-year terms commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008. (Clerk's Note: An Abstract of Votes is marked "Exhibit A" and is made a part of these Minutes).

OATHS OF OFFICE

Clerk of the Council Crane administered the Oath of Office to P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, and Sherman M. Saunders, (Clerk's Note: The Oaths are marked as "Exhibits B" and are made a part of these Minutes).

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The next Order of Business was the election of Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2006. Ms. Crane opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Daniels nominated John C. Hamlin for Mayor. In his nominating remarks, Mr. Daniels cited the City's many accomplishments during the past two Mayoral terms of Mr. Hamlin, which included attracting Boscov, Luna, Telvista, and

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Essel ProPack to Danville. He said Mr. Hamlin's energy and upbeat attitude had helped the Council to accomplish many of its goals.

Council Member Archie seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations for Mayor and the nominations were closed.

Council Members voting for John C. Hamlin were: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, III, H. Phillip Smith, and R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9).

John C. Hamlin was unanimously re-elected to serve as Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2006.

ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

Ms. Crane opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2006.

Council Member Rawley nominated R. Wayne Williams, Jr. for Vice-Mayor. In his remarks, Mr. Rawley said Dr. Williams had served as Chairman of the Committee on Appointments during his two terms as Vice-Mayor and had done an outstanding job. He said that he could personally attest to Dr. Williams' work ethic and stellar character.

Council Member Smith seconded the nomination.

There were no further nominations for Vice-Mayor and the nominations were closed.

Council Members voting for Dr. Williams were: Ruby B. Archie, P. A. "Pete" Castiglione, Jr., E. Stokes Daniels, Jr., John C. Hamlin, T. David Luther, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley, Jr., Sherman M. Saunders, III, H. Phillip Smith, and R. Wayne Williams, Jr. (9).

R. Wayne Williams, Jr. was unanimously re-elected to serve as Vice-Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2006.

DRAWING FOR COUNCIL SEATING

The last item of business conducted by Ms. Crane was the drawing for Council Seating. Following the drawing, the Mayor and Members of Council assumed their respective seats.

COMMUNICATIONS

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There were no communications from the City Manager, City Attorney and Clerk of the Council.

ROLL CALL

Council Members congratulated Mayor Hamlin and Vice-Mayor Williams upon their re-election as Mayor and Vice-Mayor, respectively, and stated they looked forward to serving with Mayor Hamlin and Vice-Mayor Williams once again.

Council Members Castiglione, Daniels, Luther, and Saunders thanked citizens who re-elected them to another four-year term. Mr. Daniels said the Council had accomplished many things in just the past two years and said the City had become a model for other cities, citing regional cooperation between the City and Pittsylvania County. Mr. Saunders said there remained more hard work in facing the challenges ahead of this Council. He said there still remains the issue of finding more industry to locate in the City.

Vice-Mayor Williams said it was an honor to serve as Vice-Mayor and said it meant a lot to him to have a group of dedicated individuals put their faith and trust in him.

Mayor Hamlin expressed his thanks for the support of the Council, the community and his family. He especially thanked his wife, Becky, who was present for the meeting, for her support during his many years of community service. Mr. Hamlin said the major challenge for him was to stay on track and stay focused on the business of the City and the City moves forward.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

MAYOR

CLERK